

THE CONTINUING COMMITTEE



First Edition Recent Rulings Document

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The Recent Rulings Document lists all Glossary updates and new temporary rulings issued since the last *regularly scheduled* rules update. Rules updates are scheduled for the first Monday of each month and for the official release day of any new expansion set.

Because the Glossary and Rulebook are kept continuously up-to-date, there is no need for players or tournament directors to consult the RRD, as long as they have the most recent posted copy of those core documents.

Any player who does *not* have the most recent monthly Glossary or Rulebook but wishes to play by current, official rules will need to collect and save each new Recent Rulings Document until reprinting the core documents. (Old RRDs are archived *unofficially* at the [Starship Excelsior Rules Archive](http://www.trekcc.org) while we work on a permanent on-site solution)

Unless announced by the Rules Manager or Director in an expressly designated Official Ruling, answers given by Continuing Committee representatives are not official until included in an official rules document such as the Glossary. We recommend that Tournament Directors consider unofficial answers, but, until an Official Ruling is made, the Tournament Director reserves final ruling authority.

For additional resources or to find answers to your questions, please visit <http://www.trekcc.org>. *[[Double square brackets]] indicate card links.*

GLOSSARY UPDATES

compatible –

Replace this text:

however, compatibility is overridden by any card or rule that specifically prevents compatibility (see **does not work with**).

with:

unless otherwise specified (see **does not work with**).

The original sentence is true in most contexts. For example, [NA] Galen would normally be compatible with [Fed] William T. Riker, but he isn't, because his specific restriction box overrides his general compatibility. That's just the Golden Rule. But there are other contexts where the original sentence is misleading. For example, [Rom] Tallera and [Fed] Will Riker can be made compatible with one another using Mercenary Raiders. At least since the 2018 ruling untangling a knot of issues related to does-not-work-with, Mercenary Raiders (or even a treaty) makes those two cards compatible, overriding their restrictive gametexts. (Release This Pain and Sybok only work because of this principle.) This sentence seems to be reminding us to follow the golden rule, but can be read to suggest that incompatibility always trumps compatibility, which is not the case. For that reason, we are changing the sentence.

docked ship –

Strike the words "on a ship as it undocks or launches."

This is an old stray reference to pre-errata Wormholes.

Life's Simple Pleasures –

New entry:

Because the text does not provide a reporting destination, the report must be to a normal reporting location. It does not have to be the same location where this card was played.

The card and associated rules already say this pretty unambiguously, but players misplay it from time to time, so a reminder can be helpful.

playing an affiliation –

Delete the words "Only cards which you own are" and replace with:

Active infiltrators and cards you do not own are not [considered when determining if you are playing an affiliation or faction].

If your infiltrate changes to opponent's affiliation, you would have been considered to be playing opponent's affiliation. Dominion that infiltrated with O'Brien Founder were thus forbidden from using Genesis Device. That seemed weird so we changed it. The affiliation your infiltrator picks up while actively infiltrating don't count toward which affiliations you're "playing."

Wormhole –

Strike the words "as it undocks."

This is an old stray reference to pre-errata Wormholes.



RULEBOOK UPDATES

6.5.3: Downloading –

Replace the entire entry as follows:

When a card instructs you to *download* a card, search through your hand, your draw deck, and/or your open side decks for the *target card*. Once found, you must immediately play it. (If you cannot, the download is *invalid*; see sidebar.) You must follow all the normal rules for playing a card, such as reporting restrictions. Then reshuffle any face-down decks you looked through.

Some downloads (like [Quark's Isolinear Rods](#)) specify your hand as the destination. When you use such a download, you must place the target in your hand instead of playing it. Some downloads (like [Blood Oath](#)) work "in place of one card draw." When you use such a download, you may choose whether to play the target immediately or place it in your hand for later use. Some downloads (like [High Rollers](#)) "download and seed" the target. When you use such a download, seed the target card (instead of playing it). You do not need to show it to your opponent.

You may not download  artifacts or  Q-icon cards unless specifically permitted by a card (for example, [Starry Night](#)). Facilities and Sites do not provide downloads unless they are in their native quadrant.

Concerns were expressed that this entry was disjointed and not entirely clear to novices, so we have revised it, hopefully for the better. Not a functional change.

7.2.5: Solving the Mission –

At the end of paragraph 4, insert the following sentence:

A mission with no point box cannot be solved.

A card that allows you to attempt a mission like [Univ] Space no longer gives you permission to solve it, since solving an unattemptable location with no requirements, attemptability text, or point box does not make sense. And we didn't want to have to remember to put "with a point box" on every card like Recover Stolen Materials forever, since, as we saw with RSM, it's hard to remember to cover this edge case every time.

FORMAT UPDATES

There are no new format changes, pending some coordination between First Edition and Organized Play.

TEMPORARY RULING UPDATES

The temporary ruling about Workhorses of the Fleet remains in place this month, but it's getting clarifying errata ASAP so hold on tight.

The temporary ruling about unique dilemmas and Disrupted Continuum remains in place this month.

See the Glossary for the permanent list of temporary rulings.

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